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SUBJECT: LAGOS INTL. FAIR: ACCOMMODATIONS

REF: (A) LAGOS 7293 (B) USDOC 12144 (C) ATHENS 4971

1. CAUGHT FAIR DIRECTOR AKANDE IN DOWNTOWN OFFICE SIX FLOORS UP
DURING POWER FAILURE AND LEARNED FOLLOWING ABOUT OFFICIAL PLANNING
FOR FAIR ACCOMMODATIONS, MUCH OF WHICH DIFFERS FROM REF A.

2. BUSINESSMEN DURING FAIR: FAIR DIRECTORATE WILL PROVIDE THIS
EMBASSY WITH ACCOMMODATION APPLICATION FORMS NEXT WEEK. EMBASSY
WILL CHANNEL SPECIFIC REQUESTS TO DIRECTORATE WHICH WILL ALLOCATE.
DEPOSITS WILL COME LATER.

3. REGARDING USDOC AND USIA ADVANCE PERSONNEL WHO WILL ERECT OR
SUPERVISE EXHIBITS, DIRECTORATE WILL TAKE RESERVATIONS FROM US
FOR ACCOMMODATIONS AT MOTEL ON FAIR GROUNDS.

4. HOTEL SHIPS: FYI AKANDE SAID ASKING PRICE OF NAIRA 67 OR
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DOLS 100 PER DAY PER PERSON ABOARD SHIP PROPOSED BY N AND J
VLASSOPOULOS, LTD., LONDON (REF C), TOO HIGH AND WE SHOULD NOT
DEAL WITH REPS END FYI. HE SAID DIRECTORATE NEGOTIATING WITH
THREE FIRMS OFFERING HOTEL SHIPS, WHICH DIRECTORATE ESTIMATES
WILL DEFINITELY BE NEEDED FOR FAIR PARTICIPANTS AND VISITORS.
COMMENT: HOTEL SHIP IDEA VERY ATTRACTIVE IN THAT SHIPS HAVE
GUARANTEED POWER AND WATER, WHICH EVEN MOST EXPENSIVE HOTELS

CANNOT GUARANTEE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBOFF HOPES SPEND MUCH OF MONDAY HOLIDAY AT DIRECTORATE AT FAIR COMPLEX TO OBTAIN ANSWERS PENDING QUESTIONS, GET JUMP ON ACCOMMODATIONS IF POSSIBLE, ETC. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE NO LATER THAN SATURDAY RECEIVING BY IMMEDIATE CABLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF FOLLOWING: AF/W PLEASE COORDINATE AS NECESSARY:

A. ASIDE FROM SITE PLAN, WHICH PROMISED FOR TOMORROW, AND BALL COPR. TECHNICAL QUERY CONTAINED USDOC 9972, WHAT PRESSING QUESTIONS REQUIRE ANSWERS NEXT WEEK?

B. REGARDING BUSINESS ELEMENT ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CABLE DETAILS OF THOSE ON HAND TO PERMIT EARLY APPLICATIONS. SPECIFY HOTEL DESIRED IF KNOWN, OTHERWISE WE WILL SPECIFY EKO HOTEL.

C. REGARDING USDOC AND USIA (AND ANY OTHER) ADVANCE PERSONNEL, ARE MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AT FAIR COMPLEX FOR AT LEAST PART OF STAY ACCEPTABLE IN PRINCIPLE? (AF/W PLEASE LIAISE WITH USIA ON THIS.) HOW MANY ENVISIONED AND FOR WHAT TIME PERIODS? SPECIFY MALE OR FEMALE IF KNOWN. COMMENT: WE HAVE INSPECTED MOTEL AND FIND IT ADEQUATE AND OBVIOUSLY CONVENIENT FOR FULL-TIME WORK AT FAIR. EMBASSY HAS SEVERE SPACE PROBLEM AND URGES MOTEL FOR AT LEAST PORTION OF STAY.

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